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1. Members present were as follows:

	Dr. Appleton	State
	Lt. Col. Ruwet	Army
	Cdr. Howell	Navy
	Maj. Gamber	Air Force
25X1A9a	[REDACTED]	CIA (Representing OSO)
25X1A9a	[REDACTED]	CIA (Chairman)
		CIA

\*Non-member

2. The purpose of the meeting was to determine whether responsibility for the preparation of Section 56 (Intelligence and Security) of Chapter V (Political) should be reallocated to CIA (OSO). This responsibility is currently allocated to "State (with joint assistance)". The proposed reallocation would be to "CIA (with joint assistance)".

3. The State member said that State does not have the information required as the basis for this section and has been unable to obtain such information. He said that State recognized the political implications of the section (and, hence, its interest to State) but would be willing to have OSO prepare the section for State, the latter performing the functions of a chapter coordinator as regards the section.

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4. [REDACTED] said that CIA has been assigned the sole responsibility of obtaining information on the subjects treated in Section 56 and that OSO has been assigned the responsibility for specialized procurement of this information and is the repository for it. He said, further, that OSO also produces intelligence from this information and considers it better to issue this intelligence than the information itself in a raw state.

5. The following miscellaneous points were brought out during the ensuing discussion:

a. Chapter V is "Political" in the sense that it deals with the structure and operation of government. Hence, although intelligence and security are specialized subjects, they are distinctly connected with the political field of basic intelligence.

b. OSO would like to prepare Section 56, not because of "vested interest" in the subjects concerned but because of what it believes to be its inherent responsibility. It would confine itself to purely intelligence and security aspects and leave any required political aspects to State.

c. OSO would feel free to seek any required assistance from the other Agencies.

d. Intelligence and security, as the terms apply to systems indigenous in the armed forces, will be covered by the Army, Navy, and Air Force in the appropriate sections of Chapter VIII (Armed Forces). OSO will assist these Agencies by furnishing any pertinent information it has or can obtain.

6. The Chairman explained generally classification and dissemination policies relating to NIS:

a. Within the range of RESTRICTED to SECRET, it is desirable to keep classification as low as possible in order that the material may be denied to the fewest possible legitimate users.

b. When it is necessary to classify material TOP SECRET, it will be published separately in the form of supplements.

c. For material produced by CIA, check is made with the Chief, Inspection and Security with regard to SANACC control policy matters.

d. Generally speaking, dissemination is made on a "need to know" basis.

7. It was the consensus that the State member take back the following understanding for the approval of his Agency and report the action of the latter at the next Committee Meeting at 1000 hours, 5 April 1949:

"That CIA (OSO) prepare Section 56 on the same terms as other IAC Agencies contribute sections to chapters falling within State's responsibility. State will collaborate with OSO in the preparation of the manuscripts through working level contacts to be arranged through [REDACTED] (Room 1503, L Building - Tel. Code 143 - X 635). OSO will submit its text to State for review and for addition of such facets and interpretations as State deems fit. State will accept OSO's data as the best available material and make no substantive changes. The text incorporating such additions, editorial changes, etc., which State wishes to make will be submitted to OSO for approval prior to the submission of the chapter by State to CIA for publication."

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25X1A9a [REDACTED] said that the above-quoted understanding is satisfactory to OSO.

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